Non-Wilderness Bolting Checklist



Joshua Tree National Park is recognized as one of this country's premier national park units, and one of this park's many attractions is the sport of rock climbing. The popularity of rock climbing has exploded in the past decade necessitating management actions to protect the quality of the climbing experience and of the natural environment. New procedures for the placement of bolts have been established with the assistance of the Access Fund and the Friends of Joshua Tree.

This checklist requires the climber to consider the impacts of new bolts on the quality of existing climbing routes, natural and cultural resources, and the experience of other visitors.

Once completed this checklist may be dropped off at any open park facility, given to any park employee, or mailed back to the park.

This is not a permit. It is an honor system designed to encourage climber investment in the management of your park. Your participation in helping to maintain a quality park experience is requested.

Name:	Date:		
Address:			
Phone:	E-mail:		
Replacement of unsafe	bolts is allowed at any time.		
_	Bolting is prohibited in anchor-free zones.		
_	et of a cultural or archeological si	ite, bolting is prohibited.	
Placing new bolts in wil	lderness or using a power drill mu h a separate permit process.		
Climb Information:			
	me: Rating of climb:		
First Ascent:			
		GIS coordinates:	
Name of closest route: Describe your proposed route incluguidebook page.)	iding the location of new bolts. (A	Attach photos, maps, topos, or a climbing	
topo of route		approach map	

The National Park Service does not maintain routes or anchors; all fixed protection should be considered potentially unsafe.

Climb Evaluation:

How will the components of your route effect park resources: vegetation, nesting sites, rock art, etc.? After seriously considering the following questions, ask yourself if this new bolted route is justified.

damage quickly follow. Consi	bing area becomes known, soil comp der use of existing footpaths. Please rk resources and the experience of ot	paction, footpaths, wildlife disturbance, and plant consider how each of the components of your ther visitors to the park.
Will your climb require new a	·	Avoid slings or use rock-colored webbing.
Will access require a new part	king area? yes □ no □	7 Word Similys of disc Fock Color od Webbing.
Base: Before creating your nathe impact that will surely foll	new, bolted route, ask yourself if the cow.	quality and uniqueness of your climb justifies
Will vegetation be trampled a	t the base of the climb? yes 🗖 no 🕻	ם
	campsite: \square hiking or nature trail: \square water source: \square other visitor	
Climb: Can the local ecology	withstand the increased traffic your	new route will create?
How many bolts will be instal		
Will a rappel anchor be instal	led? yes 🗖 no 🗖 A belay anchor	? yes □ no □
Does the rock formation have	e existing bolted or non-bolted routes	s? yes □ no □
	Is there another route within 10 feet	t? yes □ no □
DonÊt glue, reinforce, or chisel	Is your route a variation of an existi	ng route? yes □ no □
holds and no gardening!	Will your route require climbing ov	er plants? yes 🗖 no 🗖
	Are there lichens present (the orang	ge/green/brown stuff)? yes □ no □
Have you seen evidence of an	imal activity near your proposed clin	nb? yes □ no □
nests: □ burrows: □ scat:	□ bats: □ bee hives: □ other: _	
Descent: Rappelling off a ro	ute may result in fewer impacts to the	e site.
	off □ Existing rappel anchor □ No	
Additional comments:		
Additional comments.	Use removable protection and natural ar	nchors where possible
	and camouflage permanent hardware: I	polts, hangers, chain.

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